



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE MAR 0 6 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Applicant

: Ashkenazi et al.

App. No.

09/904,786

Filed

: July 12, 2001

For

: SECRETED AND

TRANSMEMBRANE

POLYPEPTIDES AND NECLEIC

ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME

Examiner

: Andres, Janet L.

Atty. Ref. No.: 39780-1618.P2C47

Group At Unit 1646

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated below and addressed to Box Non Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

EXPRESS MAIL NO: EV194296790US

February 26, 2003

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

BOX FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed on September 26, 2002 (Paper No. 11), setting a three-month term for response, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification:

On page 2, cancel the paragraph starting at line 37, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

--Purification and sequence analysis of the EGF-like domain has revealed the presence of six conserved cysteine residues which cross-bind to create three peptide

loops, Savage et al., J. Biol. Chem. 248: 7669-7672 (1979). It is now generally known that several other peptides can react with the EGF receptor which share the same